

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 14, 2011

Agenda Item: 2011 Mountain Lion Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Proposed Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 minutes

Background

Proposed harvest quotas for mountain lion are based on research, surveys, harvest/mortality and/or public comment. Below are proposed changes from 2010 quotas and subquotas. All other quotas/subquotas are proposed to be unchanged from 2010 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by female subquotas.

Region 1

- HD 100: increase total special licenses from 20 to 25 lions; increase female lion subquota from 8 to 10

Region 2

- Missoula Special Management Area: increase male lion quota from 10 to 13, increase female lion quota from 8 to 12

Region 3

- HD 310/311/360/361/362: decrease total lion quota from 6 to 5; maintain female lion subquota at 1
- HD 320/333: decrease total lion quota from 4 to 2; maintain no female lion subquota

Region 4

- HD 422/423/424/425/442: increase male lion quota from 7 to 9; increase female lion quota from 2 to 3

Region 7

- Region 7: increase total lion quota from 25 to 30; maintain no female lion subquota

Public Involvement Process & Results

Formal public comment period will run through 5 PM Monday, May 16. Any final adoption will take place at the June 9 Commission meeting.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments as well as the no-change proposals in other HDs. Supporting rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

Proposed Motion

I move to adopt the proposed 2011 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.